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LETTER DATED 14 OCTOBER 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions of my Government, I am writing to you to express our profound concern in the wake of flagrant violations by Croatia of the Security Council resolution 713 (1991) by which the arms embargo against the territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was introduced.

According to data available to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Croatia has never ceased to import substantial quantities of arms despite the above resolutions. In addition, through its own territory, namely Zagreb airport and the port of Split in particular, Croatia has facilitated the transport of arms for the Muslims in the former Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I avail myself of this opportunity to advance some of the concrete examples of the violation of the Security Council resolutions by the Government of Croatia in the past few months:

(a) At the end of May 1994, through the port of Split, a shipment of 200 tons of arms and ammunition was delivered to the Muslim army in Visoko and Maoc;

(b) On 20 May 1994, 60 tons of ammunition was shipped to Zagreb and from there transported by air via Split to the Muslim forces in Tuzla;

(c) At the beginning of June 1994, large quantities of arms, ammunition and raw materials for military industry of the Muslim side in Bosnia and Herzegovina were shipped to the Zenica and Tuzla region via Split and western Herzegovina;

(d) In June 1994, via the Ploce port, a large number of artillery pieces of various calibres and 350 tons of ammunition for artillery and infantry weapons were delivered to the Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

(e) Two ships equipped with surface-to-surface and surface-to-air rocket systems entered the port of Rijeka on 31 August 1994. The equipment was subsequently delivered to the region of Desinac-Stupnik.

It should be generally acknowledged that such activities of Croatia cannot be conducive to the establishment of the lasting peace in the territory of the former Yugoslavia. On the contrary, they threaten to offset the positive developments already achieved and possibly escalate the conflict with unforeseeable consequences.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
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